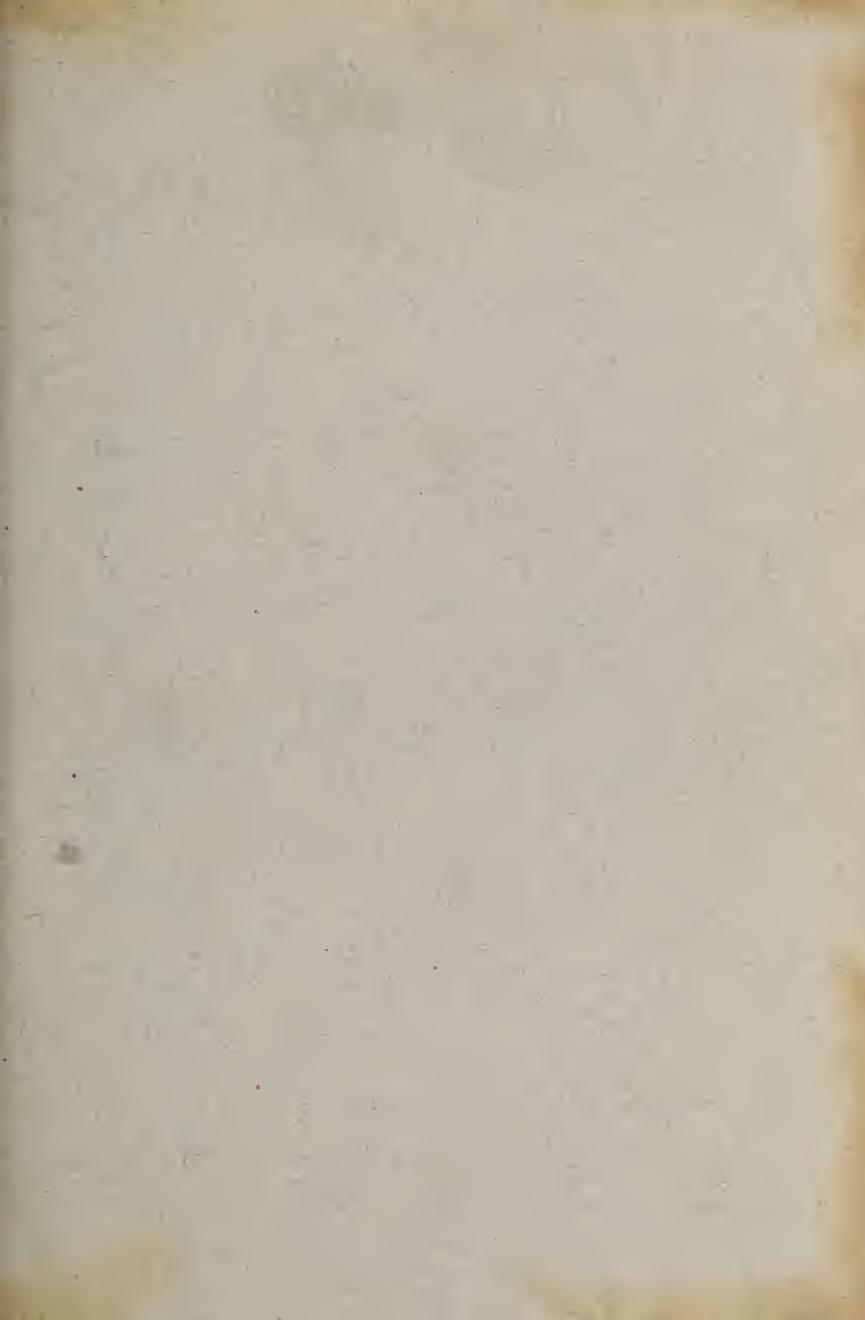


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THE recent good news from abroad concerning the reception of Christmas Boxes, will be welcomed by all our friends. As often before, one theme seems to run through our foreign letters, the season of the year naturally tending to a review of work accomplished, particularly among the young. These records, especially of such schools as are able to hold their pupils beyond childhood, are simply marvelous, depicting native girls rescued from idolatry through our agency, and transformed into accomplished Christian teachers, adorned with the sweet graces of the Holy Spirit.

Seeing thus what the light of Christ's love has done, and can do more and more abundantly, well may one of our missionaries write to us in pleading words :

“There are multitudes of heathen women who have never heard the name of Jesus. Many among my pupils, perhaps, with a faint knowledge of Bible truth, yet see no beauty in Him. *We* in the light and love of the banqueting home, *they* out in the cold and darkness. Can we leave them there? Surely it is worth any amount of toil and self-sacrifice and intercession at the throne of grace to see them sharing with us the joy of salvation through our common Lord, Jesus Christ.”

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

THANKSGIVING.

Letter from Miss Crosby.

November, 1886.—This is the Japan National Thanksgiving Day, and answers, in one sense, to the “Feast of Ingathering” among the Jews, for it is observed in acknowledgment of the abundant harvests and rich fruitage which have rewarded the labor of the husbandman. But, alas! this tribute of a nation’s gratitude is not rendered to HIM who is the source of all their blessings, but to their own heathen deities, especially to Jimmu, the first emperor of the present dynasty, who reigned more than twenty-five centuries ago, and is now worshipped by a large portion of the people—those professing the Shintoo faith. All the emperors who succeeded him have been considered divine, even down to the time when the present sovereign began to reign, and they were always kept in the utmost seclusion. It was commonly believed that if any one should see the emperor he would become blind. Now, however, we have reason to thank God that this ancient superstition, and all the other forms of idolatry which have so long prevailed, are dying out before the light of the Gospel! Today the Christians all over Japan are raising their hearts and voices in praise of the “only living and true God,” not only for abundant harvests, but for the blessed “ingathering of souls” which has crowned the year now drawing to a close. All over the country the feeling of hatred to Christianity has given place to a spirit of inquiry into the truths, and the many restrictions that formerly existed on account of the opposition of the government to the Gospel, have been withdrawn. The great danger from which the Church should now pray to be preserved is the adoption of a mere form of Christianity, as a part of western civilization.

OUR GRATEFUL REVIEW.

SO many are the blessings we have received in our own particular work, at our Heavenly Father's hand, that I know not which to mention, for it would be impossible to enumerate them all. The work of rebuilding our Home was completed about the close of last year, and we were able to occupy it a few days before Christmas. The comfort we find in having a building suited to the needs of our work, well lighted and ventilated, is even greater than we had anticipated. It seems to help us in many ways. Our school has increased in numbers, and we now have a hundred and seven pupils, of whom eighty-seven are boarding scholars, and more are coming soon. We have, as a family, been favored with almost uninterrupted health, and the Lord has graciously preserved us from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness," for, although the cholera has raged with unusual violence in Yokohama and throughout the country generally, He has not suffered the plague to come nigh our dwelling.

One of our post graduates was married in the Spring to a native pastor, who had recently been called to a new and very promising field of labor in the southern part of Japan. She found the women eager to be taught the Scriptures, and soon organized a Bible class and prayer meeting, and was ready to instruct them also whenever they came to her.

Mrs. Pierson's class of Bible-readers is a most interesting and instructive feature of our work. Some are training for future service, while six or seven of them go out daily to visit, read the Scriptures, and hold prayer meetings. A constant blessing rests upon their efforts, and members are gathered into the Church every year through their instrumentality.

Our outside school in Kashidori, is flourishing, numbering nearly a hundred scholars, boys and girls. All these do not attend Sunday school, but they receive some Biblical instruction during the week. Some of our post graduates and older pupils take charge of the Sabbath school.

GIFTS FROM AMERICA.

Letter from Mrs. VIELE.

November 23d, 1886.—Many thanks, dear friends, for your kindness in remembering us so generously. We appreciate these gifts from America in a double sense, and we are kept near to you in sympathy and love by the tangible proofs which you send to us of remembrance. Some are already in use, and others we will bring out fresh and new at Christmas time, which in Japan, as in America, we try to make the gladdest, brightest day of all the year. I recall, with much pleasure, some of the lovely homes I saw in America, adorned with such grace by the hands of daughters, sisters and mothers.

I did not take in the variety and value of the gifts when the box was opened, we had so much to do on that day and I constantly come across another reminder of your loving thoughtfulness.

The books are very acceptable and the reading girls in the cottage are greatly pleased with them. I want the kind friends to know that we appreciate all the kindness shown in this way. Our home and home life is brightened and cheered greatly, and my burdens lifted by the work of "Ready Hearts and Willing Hands." Their bread cast thus upon the waters shall be found after many days; not seen by them down here, perhaps, but among the little surprises in the upper world may be the results of their cheerful efforts.

A WONDERFUL TESTIMONY.

Our school is larger, with our increased accommodation, than ever before; indeed, *all schools for girls are filled full to overflowing this fall.* People begin to want their girls educated and are willing to take Christianity with it, without any particular knowledge of what it means, or what it will do for their children; and I am sure when they do learn, they will want it all the more.

Most of the older scholars being Christians, makes a warm

religious atmosphere for the new girls to enter, and it does not usually take long for them to become desirous of knowing something of the reality of a life of faith in God. My own special work among Eurasian girls grows more and more important and encouraging, and each one who comes to me I receive as from God, and feel my responsibility to Him in the nurture and training of their lives for Him. My girls are growing fast, two graduating from our school last June, and two more will graduate next June. Both of those who have finished are now teaching—one for us and one for a missionary school in Tokio.

We are doing a good work in this training of teachers, for it has been so hard to find any one here to aid the missionaries in their work.

Yesterday a little girl of nine years, from China, came to me, one who has been in a mission school there, though her mother was a Japanese. She seems to have accepted the idea that she was coming to a home and a mother. As I had known of her coming, and had been praying that God would enable me to be a mother to her, it was sweet to have her feel so about it.

A little one of four years was brought to me a few weeks ago—such a dear little one she is—her mother dead, and she cannot speak a word of English, but so anxious to learn and so affectionate; she follows me about and kisses my hand and in various ways expresses her delight. One day when she had fallen and hurt herself I was comforting her a little and she ran to her little mate and said through her tears, “Mrs. Viele is just like my mother.” This was, of course, said by her in Japanese.

I have great comfort in my work, and the love my children show for me brings to my heart a joy so full that I find in this my great reward day by day. All the girls study English in the morning and Japanese in the afternoon. They are so anxious to learn English that they would neglect their own language, unless carefully looked after in that respect.

Our Bible women's work goes on with promise of rich fruitage. Twenty-one meetings for native women are held weekly, either here or in the homes of such as open their doors for the purpose and gather in a few of their neighbors.

Mrs. Pierson instructs the Bible women in the lesson she wishes them to teach others, and then they take the seed which she imparts and sow it on all sorts of ground, trusting that some will yield an abundant harvest. It would rejoice your hearts to go into Mrs. Pierson's room when she has one of her women's meetings, and see it filled with earnest, attentive listeners to her words, all sitting on the floor, in which position they are more comfortable and at home. It also has the advantage of taking up less room than otherwise. One dear Christian, who has been an invalid for some years, comes to the meeting, carried on the back of a friend—sometimes a man, sometimes a woman—and she is so full of joy and gratitude at being able to meet with God's people, that her very presence is a blessing to all the others, and pays for the difficulties met and overcome in getting her to the place of prayer.

Still, the work in this heathen land is not all sunshine. We have disappointments and discouragements to meet and bear. Sometimes when we think one is truly converted, and we have all confidence in her sincerity, some development shows us that there was no depth of earth on which the seed fell, and it has withered away! In my family of girls I sometimes have painful experiences. Satan takes advantage of their weakness. The human heart is the same the world over, and we need to be on the alert constantly in Japan as everywhere else, and to have on the whole armor of God, to stand against the wiles of the devil.

A society has been formed in Japan whose object is the introduction of the Roman alphabet into the language. This is a much needed reform.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS.

Letter from Mrs. PIERSON.

November 23d, 1886.—Every department of our work is full of interest and encouragement. The educational and evangelistic work have received new impulses, and are producing constant results in the establishment and extension of the heavenly kingdom. In many places and instances the sowing and reaping are simultaneous, and in others the latter quickly succeeds the former. At such news my heart sings: "Japan is being converted." The semi-annual meeting of native Christian women of Yokohama and Tokio took place October 30th, in the latter city. The weather was most unpropitious, the rain falling heavily all day. The attendance, however, was large, numbering in the morning about 350, and in the afternoon 400. The subject of the morning lesson was "We are His witnesses," and of the afternoon, "Thoughts and Words." Two of our Bible women spoke with earnestness and power. The few words I spoke were on consecration, and my text was Heb. 12:1, 2. There was no dull interim between prayers, praises and testimony, for every moment was fully occupied. It is wonderful and inspiring to join with these dear native Christian women in their religious exercise; their fervor and their faith are, indeed, the work of the Divine Spirit.

Our school is full, and the building in which we hold our sessions too small for the rapid increase in numbers. There are 107 names on the present roll, and one has just come to-day, while there are several applications for the beginning of the year. We have received an earnest appeal from a Japanese Professor in the Normal School, the department for noblemen's daughters, to furnish them with a teacher from our class of post graduates. She will not sever her connection with our school, dividing her time between them and us. She was requested to send an original English essay to them. She did, and it has lately appeared in the native *Ladies' Magazine*.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

INCREASE OF WORK.

Letter from Dr. ELIZABETH REIFSNYDER.

November 30th, 1886.—There is no other Woman's Hospital in Shanghai, and but two others in China. There is another woman doctor here who is homœopathic, and who has been having a dispensary for the past three years, arriving at the time I did, who has been seeing both men and women. Since January 1st we have seen over 14,500 patients, over 8,000 of whom were new cases. Over 23,000 prescriptions were filled. I hope to have a report for this year, which will give all the particulars of our work.

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.

Letter from Miss McKECHNIE.

November 1st, 1886.—We are, as usual, busy with our work. We have the house full of patients, and large numbers every day at the Dispensary. I was very much amused the other day. We had a little girl in the house who suffered a good deal of pain, and I thought I would give her a doll to perhaps, help her to forget it. The child was delighted, but not nearly so much as a Cantonese woman in one of the beds near her. I finally concluded to give this woman one also, and I wish you could have seen the childish delight of a woman thirty-five years old, over a little doll! This woman is getting better, and Dr. Reifsnyder told her she might leave when her friends came for her, but she did not want to go, and she cried as if her heart would break, and begged to stay and help us. There are many such who never before have been treated kindly, and to whom it seems like heaven to be in this Hospital. I do not wonder they are sick, they are so wretchedly poor, and many of their homes are so filthy, the most of

them having no floors. We are mainly working among the poor, although all, even the rich, come to us. We try to make the rich pay for their medicine. I have in mind a young man who came with his mother, who was dressed in most elegant brocade silk. He said he had not the money; would not some other time do? When he found I would not give it to him, he very reluctantly gave me the money, and the price he paid was not nearly so much as he would have had to give to the druggist. All are not like him, though we have human nature to deal with here as well as at home.

We have between fifty and eighty patients each day at the Dispensary; not so large a number as before we went away; but I think better missionary work is done when the numbers are smaller. They give better attention to the Bible-reader, and there is more time for personal work. After all, it seems to me that most of our work is seed-sowing. The people come from different places, and some of them long distances, and, except in the case of those who stay in the Hospital, there is not much chance of following up the patients. It is ours to do the best we can and leave the rest to Him who has promised that "His word shall not return unto Him void."

"In China, in former times, every door was shut to Christian teachers. Now in wide areas around, many mission stations every door is open, and so greatly has the feeling of the people changed, that there are few families, but would welcome the visit of a foreign lady from the mission stations, or would refuse the gift of a book which she offered.

"A poor woman in China suffered compound fracture of both her legs, and was left till they rotted off before a medical missionary could see her.

"The fact is, that those who go out as missionaries are constantly coming back to obtain medical knowledge and return to relieve the frightful suffering they have seen, as thousands crowded around them for that relief they were unable to give."

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

ARRIVAL OF THE BOXES.

Letter from Miss Hook.

November 26th, 1886.—It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the arrival of the boxes, and the contents of all our portion have been assorted and compared with our wants. I am glad to tell the kind friends at home—first, that everything came in beautiful condition. I have not found the hand or foot of a doll broken, a scrap-book scratched, or a picture marred. I must compliment the packers at the Bible House and elsewhere, on the manner of executing their work. I should say they had “reduced it to a science.” Second, the supply of print and cotton cloth will be enough for the teachers for Christmas. I shall have to buy nothing, and may be a little more liberal than on former occasions; and as our cotton cloth wears better than that bought here, they are always well pleased to receive presents of American manufacture. Scrap-books and dresses are plentiful and pretty. In dolls only do we fall short—over 400. Our friends have been very liberal, indeed. The articles are good, the dolls pretty and in good taste, and a thoughtful interest is manifest as well as an increasing acquaintance with us and our work. I feel this to be very pleasant and encouraging. I thank every one who has given of their means or labor.

RETURN TO WORK.

Letter from Miss GARDNER.

November, 1886.—How like a dream it all seems! A little more than two months ago and I was with you, looking into your faces and receiving the loving, tender words of farewell, the remembrance of which went with me through all the long and tedious voyage; and now, here I am again in the “far off land,” with the punkah flying over my head and strange sights and sounds greeting my ears and eyes instead

of the dear, familiar recognitions. Strangest sound of all is that which reaches my ears when I step out into the compound over the way and am greeted as "mamma," by 120 children. The motherhood has descended upon me so suddenly and the offspring is so numerous, that "She had so many children she didn't know what to do," becomes, instead of the nursery rhyme of my childhood, the actual fact of my life. The youngest is a wee tot, three months old, and one of the oldest girls is at this very moment talking to her lover in the next room. She was engaged, it seems, before my arrival, and to-day the young man, a fine, manly looking fellow, came and asked if he might see her. As his mother-in-law and sister were with him, I have left them for a chat among themselves. Between these two stages are all sizes, sorts and conditions of children. I do not know them very well yet, but have found them gentle and sweet whenever I go among them.

The new missionaries have gone to their respective stations and taken up the study of the language. I wish there were twice as many. It was an epoch in the history of missions, when last August 100 young men consecrated themselves to foreign mission work. It seems as if the Church had begun to move in response to the command, "Go forward!" and our hearts are encouraged and our spirits lightened at the thought of this fresh force that will soon be scattered over the heathen world. But oh! how many more are needed, women as well as men. Would that the coming year might find as many consecrated daughters, who will be willing to give their lives to this most blessed work.

Coming back, as I have, from the dear home land, with all its light and privilege, into this land of darkness and weariness, there comes over my soul the same old sense of the utter desolateness of its women that oppressed me all the time I was here before. The same old cries go up from weary hearts. Just a day or two ago, as one of our ladies passed by a house not far from her own, she heard the agonized cry,

“Oh! where has he gone?” “Oh! where has he gone?” It was the same old story. Somebody--some loved one had been taken away, and the question, “*Where!*” to which no answer came, left the heart comfortless and weary. Oh! that there were more to come and tell them about the *where* to answer this question that arises in bruised hearts all over this land. I have nothing new to tell you, only knowing all, as well as I now do; knowing how sympathizingly your hearts go out towards this work, I feel like urging you to make it an *especial* object of prayer that God will raise up more and more workers and the means of sending them out.

Somebody handed me a little slip of paper the other day, the import of which was this: “The salvation army has need of a certain amount of money, and asks that all those interested in them will practice self-denial for ten days and send the result. The thought flashed through my mind, “Suppose all those dear ones who love the Master’s work out here should deny themselves for a month, how it would send our work spinning, and what a blessing it would bring into the soul of each.” As I look about and see what has been done, I long for the increased force that is needed to reap the harvest. Does all this sound strange, when I have just arrived with three new workers? Could you have seen all that I saw before I had been on shore a week, you would not wonder that, grateful as I am for these, I still plead more and more.

A FRIEND REMOVED.

Missions in Calcutta have been called to mourn very deeply the loss of the Rev. J. E. Payne, who has been taken from us to the heavenly reward he so well deserved. He leaves a terrible gap in mission circles. He labored in connection with the London Mission in Calcutta over twenty-five years. While he was most devoted to his own

work, he ever had a loving interest in all other Missions; knew no distinction where help or sympathy was needed, heartily offering a helping hand. He was always a very warm friend of our Union Mission; gave us our first school, and put us in the way of opening our work in Rajpore; and at the time of assembling our schools he gave us most valuable advice and assistance, with his own hands working to decorate the ground, giving us for two days most of his precious time. He became so interested that he would not leave the spot until he saw all arrangements perfected. I shall never forget the delight with which he came forward to meet me, quite as happy as any of us at the large number of children present. After staying until all was finished, he went with the children through the street and saw them safely in the trams, then went home and wrote until after midnight preparing reports of it for the city and London papers.

As we stood around his coffin, gazing for the last time on his fine face, that was lovely in death, a good Bengali brother said: "The Lord wanted him, and so we could not keep him away longer." He had finished the work that was given him to do, and has gone to receive his reward. Few men were so universally beloved.

ONE MONTH'S EXPERIENCE.

Letter from Miss EASTON.

November 22d, 1886.—We have now been in India a little over one month. The heat, when we first arrived, was simply intense, the worst of the whole season, many told us, and it continued exceptionally late.

As is apt to be the case, I had come to India with exaggerated ideas of all the discomforts, heat included, so that I bore it all better than was expected. Nearly all of my time is given to study.

HOMES OF THE RICH AND POOR.

I have not attempted any regular visiting of the zenanas, feeling that it would be simply wasted time, until I have some hold on the language. One morning, however, I went with an older missionary when she visited some of her zenana ladies. She took me to see some of the best examples of native life. One house was especially large, and I was told that probably no less than eighty people were living under that one roof. To teach in one house might mean to have a large school. It is no easy matter to find the way about a house of this kind, with very long passages, and narrow stair-cases without number. The women received us most cordially, and the manners of some were very winning. With the exception of a few that were cooking, they seemed to have nothing to do. The rooms were dirty and utterly devoid of anything suggesting the comforts of life. It was very sad, and I returned home with no desire to go among them again until I had the power of telling them of One in whose eyes they are very precious. Some days later I had occasion to go into one of the poorest of the native huts, and it was a contrast, indeed, to the house I have been describing. It was built of mud, without doors or windows, and the only piece of furniture was a straw basket, which, turned upside down, they offered me as a chair. Usually they can afford some kind of bed, but here they had none, but slept on the mud floor. Even the poorest of the houses are built about a court, and in the mornings, when I often take a short walk on the house-top, I can look down into numbers of them. The life seems pitiable. My heart inclines me to work among the poor rather than the rich, who seem satisfied with the life they lead, knowing nothing better. But these look so weary and heavy laden that to hear of One who gives rest would be music to their ears.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

CHILDREN'S VOICES.

Letter from Miss LATHROP.

November 24th. 1886.—We have here in Allahabad 600 pupils in our schools, many of them bright, pretty little girls, interested in learning, and daily being taught our sweet, Christian hymns and Bible verses. We have a school on our place for the little children of the poor people living close about us. Yesterday morning I had occasion to go out to the large Bengali girls' school, and under a tree, in the yard, I came upon a group of little ones gathered about a larger girl, repeating their morning lesson. I thought the words of the hymn never sounded sweeter than coming from their lips, and I lifted my heart in prayer to Him who wishes their conversion more strongly than we can, that the lessons learned by these children and by the many more outside our gates in the great city, might turn them from their idols to put their trust in Him.

December, 1886.—With more than 600 children to be looked after, every article in your welcome Christmas boxes will find its place somewhere. The greater number of our school children are very poor. You would be surprised to know how poor. A toy is a delight to them, especially a doll; but a garment, which will help to keep the cold out, is a blessing.

They sit in the sun from morning to night when not positively obliged to be inside their cheerless homes. It is a great mercy to them that there is so seldom a cloudy day in the cool season. Last December we had a rain of four days' duration, and the natives were so distressed over it, as day after day no sun appeared, that they said it must be gone for good, and soon the world would come to an end.

I have been out to-day to visit a school of Mahommedan girls. They belong to well-to-do families, and have sufficient

clothing, but *so dirty*. Some senses are offended as they cluster about one, but they are so bright and eager to give their lessons that all else is soon put aside and real enjoyment is felt in being with them. One girl sat outside the group and I fancied looked on with a wistful expression on her pretty face. When I asked her to come and read she shook her head, but said nothing. The teachers explained it all by saying her father had forbidden her learning on account of the Bible verses the children commit to memory. I noticed when books were laid aside and the general exercises began, she drew nearer. Counting and repeating her tables with them, she gave good heed to their lesson from *Peep-of-Day*, and joined heartily in the hymn sung at the close. I trust that in this, as in many cases, the child's importunities will remove the restriction, so that she may learn.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ALLAHABAD.

Letter from Miss KENNEDY.

November 3d, 1886.—Allahabad is a beautiful city, the streets or roads are broad and very good, lined with fine spreading trees. In our own compound we have beautiful roses of all colors, and the grass is fresh and green.

The Home is very pleasant and thoroughly home-like with its large family.

I am studying the language by myself most of the day, with the teacher for an hour every morning, and in the little girls' school in our compound, instructed by two native teachers. The children are dear little things, with bright faces, and some of them are quite pretty. I teach English about an hour each day. I also expect to teach some of the smaller ones their own alphabet, and have made my first attempt.

I long for the time when I can use the language and tell these poor people about Christ.

WOMAN'S LOT IN INDIA.

Letter from Miss McINTOSH.

A PUPIL of mine whom I have taught two years, has gone to Calcutta, and I am afraid she will not return. She is not a young woman, but active and quick tempered. I have not known her to be otherwise than pleasant, but with her husband she is always quarreling. She has had severe beatings from him once or twice, and he has threatened to put her outside the street door on several occasions. In the winter the babu built a house close by the one he rented, and a large sum of money belonging to his wife was used up in this building. This wife had everything to do with the building. She counted every brick from a small window in her house; she watched the workmen, so that they could not be idle, and kept all the accounts, as her husband was unable to do so, because he is employed in the railway, and leaves home early in the morning and returns late in the evening. I cannot forget her pride as she took me through the rooms the first time I went into her new house, and she said again and again, "I had it done, not the babu." After all her trouble, and after using her money, she has been sent off to her brother in Calcutta. I have been told by her neighbors that her husband intends to marry again. I know how very unhappy she must be just now if this is the case.

Extract from an Address.

"It may not be God's way for any whom I am addressing to go personally to the mission field far away; but one thing you can all do, you can live in deep sympathy, I will not say with missions and missionaries, but with the King and Lord, whose desire is, we know, that all men should come and worship at His footstool. If we are loyal to Jesus, we must be jealous for the honor of His kingdom; and surely our highest honor is to be co-workers with Him to whom we owe all we have that is precious and good."—*Selection.*

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

A LITTLE LIBERTY.

Letter from Miss WARD.

November 9th, 1886.—We have been encouraged by having nearly thirty of our zenana women coming in closed conveyances to a Christian service held in a tent on the Parade grounds. Several Mahommedan men, and some who were formerly Hindu priests, gave accounts of their conversion to Christianity. They had traveled here and there, visiting religious shrines, and told how weary they had become, and all to no purpose, till they found Jesus, and He had given them rest and peace. The women were much interested and pressed close up against the curtains which shielded them from the public gaze, to hear what was said.

Our work has increased the last year, but I do not see how it can much more, for I have just engaged a new assistant, who fills up our last room. We shall be fourteen in family when she gets here.

Children from schools are continually going out here and there to new homes, and the influence is gradually extending; but as they often go in directions that we cannot know of, we do not see results; perhaps we may in the better land. All we can do here is, in faith, to work faithfully and wait patiently. Day by day new cases come to us: we can only lay them before the Master, and say, "Lord thou knowest," do for them what is best.

November 24th, '86.—There were many pretty articles for sale, in the boxes, for which we were deeply grateful, so we have hurried through with our Annual Fair and have realized enough to pay for all our Christmas treats to the twenty-five schools under our care.

MY NEW WORK.

Letter from Miss EBERLE.

December, 1886.—I can scarcely realize that nearly four months have passed away since you bade farewell to our little company, commending us with loving words and earnest prayers to Him who has called us to go forth as light-bearers to a people dwelling “in darkness and in the region and shadow of death.”

Your parting words still linger in our hearts, and we are grateful for the sympathy and the prayers of those whom we have left behind in the dear home land. We left the steamer with a grateful sense of our Father’s loving care over us, and as we went forth to our different stations, it was with glad and hopeful hearts.

I am agreeably disappointed in the little I have seen of India. I feel quite at home in Cawnpore already.

I have not been out much among the natives, for I have to confine myself very closely to the study of the language. I spend one hour, however, each day in our little school on the compound. I have two classes of girls who read English with me and recite Scripture verses. As they are bright, intelligent girls from twelve to fifteen years of age, I have become deeply interested in them, and love to teach them, but most of all I prize the opportunity of sowing the good seed in their hearts. I pray that it may spring up and bear fruit. I am longing to get into the work and reach the hearts of those about me.

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN.—A little Moslem child accounted for her preference for the Christian religion by saying: “I like your Jesus because He loved little girls. Our Mohammed did not love little girls.” With unerring instinct she had seized upon at least one of the great differences between the two religions.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Twenty-sixth Anniversary

of the Society was held at the Chapel of the Bible House, January 19th. An account of its services is to be found in the Annual Report, following the Reports of the Board.

A Word With Home Friends.

BY MISS CROSBY.

THIS question may arise in the minds of some at home: "What is the use of all this education, especially in English, to the native Japanese girls, who will, in all probability, never leave their own country?" In reply, I would say that it is an inestimable advantage to them; it helps not only to strengthen and develop their minds, but it opens to them far more extended sources of information than they could enjoy through means of oral instruction, or the few really good books (except purely theological works) that have been translated into the Japanese. It elevates the tone of their minds by giving them a far better kind of mental food than the trash which constitutes much of the Japanese literature. It fits them to become teachers or to fill other positions in which they can support themselves, and not be compelled to marry, whether they will or no. If they do marry, it helps to make them more intelligent wives and mothers. In all that I am saying, I am, of course, supposing that this mental culture is sanctified and subservient to a spirit of sincere Christian consecration. This has been the case with every scholar who has remained in our school long enough for us to consider her as belonging to us, or to make any progress in her English education. This is what makes our work so delightful, and more than repays us for all that we have given up. Many of our scholars have gone out to become teachers, or wives of native pastors. Two are studying medicine in America.

Medical Missionaries Needed.

TERRIBLE FACTS.

THERE are 350,000,000 of people in CHINA, among whom there are only 600 Protestant missionaries of all kinds, and only thirty of these are physicians.

The 400,000,000 women in India and China together have barely a score of physicians competent to attend them. Only women can do so.

There are about one hundred medical missionaries in the heathen world, or about one to ten millions. Can you grasp the thought of one doctor to eight cities like New York?

In 1880 there were 85,000 licensed physicians in the United States, or one to 585 persons.

Do we not overlook these terrible facts in the presence of our infinitely more favorable condition in much the same spirit in which the man who, judging the case of the shelterless poor, while rubbing his hands in front of a roaring fire, exclaimed, "It's not so cold, after all"?—*Arranged.*

To All Who Love This Work.

THE work of our Society, interesting and hopeful beyond what can be written or told, yet needs the earnest cooperation of every one of our members at this present time. Let no one think, because they hear of successes, that now the little rills of benevolence are no longer called for. The offerings of the rich are greatly needed, and we pray God to turn them into our treasury. So are needed the lesser sums, those sweet tokens of remembrance and sympathy which come from Bands, Sabbath-schools, individual donors, and the gathered pennies of little children. Let all who love this work send us promptly, for our work in heathen lands, *as the Lord has prospered them*—then we shall have enough to meet the responsibilities of this new year. W.

Important Notices.

WILL those friends who intend sending Christmas Boxes to our Stations during the present year kindly bear in mind that it facilitates our work at the Mission Room, 41 Bible House, if such boxes can be delivered early; if possible during May or June. Some boxes the past year came too late for the annual shipment. H. E. B.

From Miss Hook, Calcutta.—“Kindly tell every one who sends us garments that *light print* jarmars, without *bindings* or *trimmings* are best, simply hemmed. Only *ayars* (Nurses) wear bindings, and so they are not worn by the better classes.”

From Miss Lathrop, Allahabad, comes a special request for *dark haired* dolls. (See her letter in our Mission Band Department.)

A Vacancy.

WE record with sorrow the death of one of our long-trying and faithful friends, Miss Anna Brinklée, of Wilmington, Del. “Hers was a life well spent and full of good works.” The summons to higher service came suddenly, but was welcomed with the exclamation: “What a glorious surprise!”

Prayer for the Society's Work.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we desire to unite in thanksgiving for past and present mercies, and in heartfelt petition that this work may receive still richer tokens of Thy power and love. Make use of this Society, if it please Thee, in shedding the light and love of Jesus Christ's free salvation upon woman's dark lot in heathen lands. Comfort and strengthen by Thy Holy Spirit timid converts, and enlarge their liberty in the Gospel. Preserve the little children from cruel and idolatrous customs, and raise up unto Thyself from among them a great company of saved ones to serve Thee. Hear and answer for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

The Little Chinese Students.

BY M. A. BURNETT.

ONE day, while walking quietly along the road in Shanghai, my attention was arrested by loud voices of children at their studies. Knowing there must be a native school near and wishing to see it, I followed in the direction of the sounds and entering a small, dark room, I found a dozen or more pupils gathered. They were seated on high, narrow benches, around square, dirty looking tables, such as are used here for dining tables.

After the usual salutations, I enquired where the teacher was. Pointing to the back part of the room, where stood a closely curtained bed, they replied that the teacher was sleeping. However, becoming aware that a foreign visitor was present, he soon made his appearance, with pipe in hand. Although extremely polite, he did not deem it necessary to apologize for enjoying a nap while his pupils were busy with their lessons. Of course in these schools there are no classes. Each one studies separately, and as every one endeavors to raise his voice above the others, you can imagine what a perfect Babel is produced.

They recite standing with their backs toward the teacher. The first lessons are a single word, on little bits of red paper, strapped to a thin board. These papers are changed daily until the little learner has mastered a

thousand or more. I noticed one little fellow who had but two of these words ; one was "tsu," and the other "dzu." I mean that is the way they would be spelled in our language. He caught the sound properly from the teacher and went back all the way repeating "tsu, dzu ; tsu, dzu," but poor child, the seat was so high that somehow he dropped out the lower bit of paper, and replacing it on the top, he went on as before saying "tsu, dzu ; tsu, dzu," but pointing to the wrong characters. After a while one of the boys set him right again. There was no fixed time for beginning the school and they were dismissed with reference to the distance they had to go. Each one has a small teapot, from which he drinks freely. If the teacher is not present they are supposed to conduct themselves properly, according to the rules of the school, that is in accordance with the customs of their ancestors. If an unruly member should be so unfortunate as to be reported to the teacher, he will then be whipped. If one is dull and unable to recite his lessons, he will likely be deprived of "eating his rice."

These children study all day, but do not understand the meaning of what they learn. They are not taught to be honest or kind, and do not know that it is a sin to worship idols, for they are heathen.

We are trying to start better schools, that we may tell the boys and girls in this land of Jesus, and fit them for His service. Can you not help us ? I know you are willing, for we have received your aid in the past. We have already opened four day-schools, and every Sunday these children are at Chapel service, and then we give them the pretty bright cards and tracts which you send in the box. On Christmas day they will each receive a doll or other handsome gift, and be made happy.

A Peep in the Yokohama Home.

BY J. N. CROSBY.

SHOULD you pay us that visit of which I have spoken, and go into one room after another you would find no furniture at all, only mats on the floor, and perhaps a small low table, not a foot high. You would not consider them comfortable or convenient. Then I would have to remind you that they were for Japanese girls, who like to have them just like the rooms in their own houses. In case you ask where they keep their clothes, I will tell you. On each side of every room there are closets, one above the other, with nice, sliding, paper-covered doors, and in these they put not only their clothes, but also their beds, which are of thick comfortables—a narrow one to lie on and larger ones to spread over them. Their pillow is a block of wood, with a round hard cushion fastened on the top of it, and on this they sleep as comfortably as we do on our softer ones. The reason why they ever adopted such a rude and apparently comfortless contrivance was to avoid disarranging their hair, which they do not have dressed oftener than once in a week or ten days, because they place their so-called pillow under the neck rather than under the head, so leaving the hair undisturbed.

Now let me lead you from the bed-room to some other parts of the house. Besides the rooms I have described, there are, on the second floor, and on the other side, the rooms of the missionary ladies, fitted up as they are at home, for we have not yet learned to prefer sleeping on the floor, although we often do so when we are in the country. Below, on the first floor, we have our parlor, dining-room and business office; also the office of our medical missionary, Dr. Adeline Kelsey, who came to

us last winter. There is also on the girls' side a small reception room, a sitting-room and a dining-room. The first and last are fitted with soft mats in Japanese fashion, but the sitting-room has tables and chairs. Here the girls study in the evening, or practice on the organ, write letters, or do whatever they choose in the day time, out of school hours. The school-rooms are in a separate building, a stone's throw from the house. These are fitted up with desks and benches as our schools in America. I may add, with as industrious and intelligent a set of scholars as you will find anywhere in our own country. You must remember they are also carrying on, with English, their Japanese studies, for it is very necessary that they should have a thorough knowledge of their own language. This involves the study of the Chinese characters, in which all their learned books, as well as their Japanese Bibles, newspapers, etc., are printed.

Miss Lathrop, at Allahabad, says: "Please accept hearty thanks for all the dolls, one expression of thanks for the fair haired dolls each, and *two* for the black haired dolls each. This is the relative estimation in which the two colors are held here. The children say, 'very pretty, but how old she must be to have such white hair!' only they use a word signifying *ripe* instead of white. If no black haired dolls are forthcoming, they are glad of the others, but the color of the hair outweighs size, bright dress, everything else. The pretty dolls or pictures received at Christmas, *brighten the whole year* for these little school children."

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Master George Garth, by Hugh McElroy Memorial Band, Louisville, Ky.
 Master Charlie Garth, " " " " " "
 Mrs. Sallie Clellan, " " " " " "
 Miss Carrie A. Tenney, by Earnest Workers, Roselle, N. J.
 Mr. J. Wm. Johnson, by Sister Ada Band, Newark, N. J.
 Mrs. Merrill E. Yates, by Union Mission Band, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Mrs. John Elmendorf, by New Brunswick Auxiliary.
 Mrs. E. N. Collier, " " "
 Miss Jessie Pearl Beresford, by Shining Lights Band, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Harriet Downer, by A Friend.
 Mrs. John T. Lawrence, " "
 Mrs. Abbott E. Kittredge, " "
 Mrs. Hoge, " "
 Miss S. Dundas, " "
 Miss Elizabeth C. Groendyke, by Nimble Fingers, Millstone, N. J.

NEW MISSION BANDS.

Cheerful Givers.—Pres't, Mrs. O. C. Howe, Washington Heights, Ill.
 Mary E. Page Memorial Band, Corona, L. I.—Pres't, Mrs. Isaac Moe;
 Vice-Pres't, Miss Lillie Bennett; Sec'y, Miss Lillie Hammond; Treas.,
 Miss Julia Burroughs.

NEW LEAFLETS.

No. 84. School in a Mud Hut, per doz., 15 cents.

DONATIONS.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts for our Missionary Stations:

China.—From Miss Halliday, Brooklyn, four baskets for the Bridgman School, four for The Home, and old muslin and linen for Dr. Reifsnnyder. Also from Miss Halliday and Miss Stoughton, a package of cards and papers for The Home, and over 1,100 pictures.

India, Calcutta.—From Mrs. R. I. Brown, New York, a dress for her Bible-reader.

Golden Rule Band, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for Orphanage, nineteen dolls, six scrap-books, toys, etc.

Cawnpore.—From Miss E. M. H-S. and A. M. R., Brooklyn, 100 squares patches.

A donation of paper for LINK purposes from Mr. J. C. Rankin, Jr., New York.

An old friend, a bed-quilt.

Five twine balls and a pen-wiper from Mrs. Chichester, Norwalk, Conn.

Nine koortas, Mrs. Fairthorne, Woodbury, N. J.

Receipts in December, 1886, and January, 1887.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from
December 1st, to 31st.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
Concord, Concord Auxiliary, Mrs. Edward A. Moulton, Treas.,	\$60 00	
MASSACHUSETTS.		
Boston, Boston Branch, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (see items below),	\$293 75	
RHODE ISLAND.		
Jamestown, Mrs. H. Audley Clark, 5; also from Mrs. K. N. Black, Du Pré, Texas, 2,	\$7 00	
Newport, Miss Louisa LeRoy, for the "Charlotte Otis LeRoy Memorial Bed" in Hospital at Shanghai, of which from Mr. Henry I. Barbey, 100; from E. Le R., 10, and H. R. L. R., 25,	135 00	
Providence, Providence Branch, Miss M. S. Stockbridge, Treas. (items in Annual Report),	73 50	
	<u>\$215 50</u>	
CONNECTICUT.		
Bethel, Miss Frances E. Seelye, donation and LINK,	\$1 00	
New Haven, Mrs. M. W. R. Wayland, for the "Charlotte O. LeRoy Bed" in Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai: Mrs. M. L. R. Goodridge, 25; Miss Louisa Le Roy, 25; Mrs. M. C. Read, 25, and Mrs. M. W. R. Wayland, 25,	100 00	
New London, New London Auxiliary, Mrs. M. P. Clarke, Treas., 73.50; LINK, 2.50,	76 00	
Woodbury, Mrs. H. C. Baldwin, donation and LINK,	3 00	
	<u>\$180 00</u>	
NEW YORK.		
Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs. Fred. Townsend, Treas., 253; also for "Mary Pruyn Memorial Bed" in Margaret Williamson Hospital, 505.70 (see items below),	758 70	
Miss Elizabeth L. Hill, donation and LINK,	1 00	
Mrs. O. H. Johnson, donation and LINK,	\$1 00	
Brooklyn, Mrs. C. H. Crocker, annual subscription,	20 00	
Miss M. A. Gardiner, in memoriam, and Mrs. C. P. Lane, annual subscription,	5 00	
Livonia, Mrs. Wm. Calvert, donation and LINK,	2 00	
Middle Island, Mrs. George M. Randall, donation and LINK,	1 00	
New York, Miss Allen, donation and LINK,	1 00	
Messrs. Tiffany & Co., for sale of Powers' bust of "Proserpine," the gift of Miss Stevens, Princeton, N. J.,	500 00	
Miss Laura Halsted, annual subscription,	10 00	
Mrs. H. R. Winthrop, per Mrs. S. A. Church,	50 00	
Mrs. Adrian Muller,	10 00	
An anonymous friend,	2 00	
Sunday-school of South Reformed Church, Mr. Dwight W. Taylor, Treas.,	37 50	
Young ladies of Phillips Presbyterian Church, per Mrs. Rufus Waples, for zenana work,	100 00	
"Band of Hope," per Mrs. L. A. Mikels: Mrs. H. Page, in Memoriam, 1; Mrs. G. P. Brush, 1; Mrs. H. M. Kemp, 3; Mrs. S. P. White, 2; LINK, .50; Mrs. J. Springstein, 1; Mrs. W. H. Dunning, 1; Mrs. E. Decker, 1; Mrs. S. J. Flanagan, 1; Mrs. F. H. Tooker, 2; Mrs. Josephine Smith, 1; Mrs. F. Gardiner, .50; Mrs. L. A. Mikels, 10; Mrs. J. Chace, 1; Mrs. C. E. White, 1,	27 00	
Invalids' Auxiliary, Mrs. L. A. Mikels, Treas. <i>pro tem.</i> ; Miss A. Cannon, 1; Miss C. A. Sheldon, .10; M. Morse, .50,	1 60	
Port Henry, Band of Hope, per Miss H. M. Douglass, Miss Grace Palmer, President,	60 00	
Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie Branch, added,	5 00	
Rhinebeck, Mrs. W. R. Schell, Schenectady, Mrs. Irving C. Losee,	5 00	
Tarrytown, Mrs. Jacob Le Roy Brown, donation and LINK,	1 00	

Water Mills, Mission Collections of Sunday School, Mr. B. C. Foster, Supt., for Miss Burnett's work, Shanghai, . . .	\$39 45
Whitesboro, Gardner Band, per Mrs. H. L. G. Frost, . . .	20 00
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	\$1,663 25

NEW JERSEY.

Fairton, "Fairton Union Mission Band," per Mrs. M. J. Shepard, towards new Life Member, . . .	\$30 00
Morristown, Morristown Aux., Miss M. H. Maury, Treas., for salary of Miss Louisa Luce, at Cawnpore, 315. Towards the salary for 1887, 45-50; LINKS 4, . . .	364 50
"Drop in the Bucket Band," Mr. Richard B. Lyon, Treas., Mrs. George W. Colles, Director, for "Virginia," in Calcutta, 30; for children's ward in Hospital, 8.74 (see Annual Report), . . .	38 74
Newark, Dr. J. B. Burnet, for child, Maria Theresa Burnet, in Calcutta Orphanage, 30, Donation for bed in Hospital at Shanghai for 1887, 25, . . .	55 00
New Brunswick, New Brunswick Aux., Miss M. A. Campbell, Treas. (items in Annual Report), . . .	136 31
Passaic Bridge, Mrs. Charles Ayer, for Kashidori school in Yokohama, 20; LINK, 1, . . .	21 00
Princeton, Princeton Branch, Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas. (items in Annual Report), . . .	318 29
Roselle, Earnest Workers, per Mrs. D. W. Berdan, for Life Membership of Miss CARRIE A. TENNEY, . . .	25 00
South Orange, through Foreign Mission Committee of Reformed Epis. Church, Rev. A. M. Morrison, Sec., for mission work in Cawnpore, India, Grace Ref. Epis. Church, Scranton, Pa., Rev. Dr. Stearns, Pastor, . . .	25 00
Zenana Band of 1st, Ref. Epis. Church, Boston, Mass., Rev. Jas. M. Gray, Pastor, . . .	25 00
Matthew H. Crawford Mem'l Band, Holy Trinity R. E. Ch. Phila., Rev. F. E. Dager, Pastor; President, Mrs. E. V. Smyth, to complete pledge of 70 for 1886, . . .	19 40
R. E. Church of the Reconciliation, Brooklyn, Rev. G. W. Huntington, Rector, through Mrs. Shelton, Astoria, from Mrs. E. A. Whittemore, family mission box, . . .	10 00

Emmanuel mission band of little children, in Emmanuel R. E. Church, Newark, N. J., Rev. E. B. England, Pastor; President, Mrs. M. L. Morrison, . . .	\$10 00
E. S. H-S. annual subscription, 10; E. H-S. 2; Mrs. M. G., 1; Brooklyn, N. Y., . . .	13 00
Miss Jane Tallant, Meadville, Pa., . . .	1 00
Total from South Orange, 103 40	<hr/>
	\$1,092 24

PENNSYLVANIA.

Easton, Miss Emma F. Randolph, annual subscription, 5; Mrs. E. I. Fox, annual subscription, 5; LINK, .50, . . .	\$10 50
Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, Miss C. Remington, Treas., for Sally Lane, in Calcutta Orphanage, . . .	\$30 00
For Sally L. Crozer, Calcutta, for 2 years, . . .	70 90
For Meta Janné, Calcutta, . . .	10 00
For Thankful, Calcutta, . . .	41 00
For Children's work in Cawnpore, . . .	100 00
For an assistant to Miss Hook, . . .	60 00
For Miss Lathrop's salary and expenses, 1 quarter, . . .	196 00
For Miss Leslie's salary etc., one quarter, . . .	196 00
For Mary Arrott, in Orphanage, . . .	30 00
Total from Philadelphia Branch, . . .	733 90
Miss Coles' Bible Class, through Miss F. F. Caldwell, to be used for Zenana work by an Epis. Missionary, per Mrs. Henry Johnson, . . .	110 00
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Branch, Mrs. Jas. W. Campbell, Treas., for Zenana work, 139.58; from Lawrenceville Torch Bearers, for girl in Yokohama, 5; for children's ward in Hospital at Shanghai, 25 (see Annual Report), . . .	214 58
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	\$1,068 98

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Baltimore Branch, Mrs. Alex. M. Carter, Treas. and Sec. (see items in Annual Report), . . .	\$195 25
Redland, Mrs. H. M. Talbott, membership, . . .	1 00
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	\$196 25

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. Harriet Le Conte, a Christmas gift, and subscription to LINK, per Mrs. H. Johnson, . . . \$5 00

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Chicago Branch, Mrs. O. F. Avery, Sec. and Treas. (see items below), . . . 208 00

Flora, Mrs. Lewis B. Parsons, for Hospital in Shanghai, 5; LINK, .50, 5 50

\$213 50

OHIO.

Cincinnati, Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. M. M. White, Treasurer, (see items below), . . . \$312 20

Oxford, Miss Carrie D. White, donation and LINK, . . . 1 00

\$313 20

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Kentucky Branch, Mrs. S. J. Look, Treasurer (items in Annual Report), . . . \$108 00

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, St. Louis Aux., Mrs. S. W. Barber, Treasurer, Collections for Calcutta, by Mrs. S. W. Barber, . . . \$35 00

LINK subscriptions from Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Carpenter, . . . 1 50

Mrs. S. W. Barber, for scholarship in Miss Gardner's new school, 25 00

\$61 50

Sales of Publications :

Subscriptions for MISSIONARY LINK: Mrs. Hickok, 2; smaller subscriptions, 10,02, . . . \$12 02

Sale of Leaflets: Mrs. Miller, for "Givers for Jesus," 4; others, 1,58, 5 58

\$17 60

Interest on Williamson Fund, . . \$187 50

Interest on Reserve Fund for the year, 508 51

Total receipts from December 1st to December 31st, 1887. . . \$6,184 78

Mrs. J. E. JOHNSON,
Ass't Treasurer.

RECEIPTS of Boston Branch.

Dorchester and Roxbury Auxiliary, Mrs. A. A. Quincy Tucker, 10; Mrs. C. E. Stedman, 2; Mrs. Bellamy, 1; Mrs. Glover, 1; Mr. Estabrook, 1, \$15 00

Mrs. Richardson's collection, . . . 2 00

" E. Crosby's collection :

" Mrs. George Dexter, 2; Mr. C. S. Kendall, 2; Mrs. A. J. Gordon, 2; Misses Ball, 2; Mrs. John Trull, 1; LINK, .50;

Mr. E. Crosby, through Clarendon St. Baptist Church, 13; Mrs. Spilman, 2, . . . 24 00

St. Paul's Church, towards the support of Miss McIntosh, at Allahabad, 252 25

\$293 75

Mrs. HENRY JOHNSON,
Treasurer.

RECEIPTS of Albany Branch.

Mrs. Catharine S. Smith, for the support of Katy and Sarah Savage Smith, in the "Home" at Yokohama, . . . \$20 00

Miss Mary P. Roberts, for "Ellen's Band," "in memoriam," . . . 20 00

Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing, as her annual subscription, . . . 10 00

A friend, through Mrs. J. Townsend Lansing, . . . 10 00

Mrs. V. P. Douw, as her annual subscription, 1 00

A friend, for the support of a teacher in India, 25 00

Ladies of the First Ref. Church, through Mrs. Phillips collector, viz :

Mrs. George Cleveland, . . \$5 00

Miss Jane Van Schaick, . . 5 00

Mrs. A. K. Richards, . . . 2 00

" John Parsons, . . . 2 50

" S. G. Chase, . . . 1 00

" Nathan Simons, . . . 1 00

" John Vischer, . . . 5 00

" A. B. Van Gaasbeek, 2 00

" C. C. Van Gaasbeek, 1 00

" T. F. Lansing, . . . 2 00

Miss Lydia Vischer, . . . 2 00

Mrs. E. Phillips,	\$2 00
" " " for LINK,	50
" John Baker,	50
" Thos Austin,	50
Miss Spellman,	1 00
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	\$33 00
Miss Mabel Learned,	20 00
Mrs. Frederick Townsend, as her annual subscription,	20 00
Miss Abby Lansing, as her annual subscription,	5 00
Through Mrs. Strain, as follows :	

From the Treasurer of the Clinton Square Pres. Church, S. S. for the support of "Kama" in the "Home at Yokohama,"	\$75 00
Miss W. N. Kennedy,	4 00
" R. M. Waddell,	5 00
Mrs. Le Grand Bancroft, as her annual subscription,	3 00
Mrs. Eli Perry, as her annual sub- scription, through Mrs. Ban- croft,	2 00
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	\$253 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE "MARY PRUYN MEMORIAL" BED IN THE MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL AT SHANGHAI.

1886.	
March 17. From Miss Susan T. Lansing, through Miss Eliza Phelps,	\$25 00
April 5. From Mrs. Catharine S. Smith,	25 00
April 6. From Mrs. Worthington La Grange,	25 00
April 14. From Miss Margaret J. McElroy,	25 00
April 15. From the "Ladies' Missionary Society" of the Madison Ave. Reformed Church, through Miss C. W. De Witt, Treasurer,	25 00
April 15. Collection by Miss Eliza Phelps, viz :	
Mrs. Charles B. Lansing,	\$25 00
" John G. White,	5 00
" James A. Wilson,	5 00
The Misses Montearth,	5 00
Mrs. Theodore D. Smith,	5 00
" James Gray,	3 00
Miss Eliza Phelps,	2 00
Mrs. J. Townsend Lan- sing,	25 00
Mrs. Geo. Douglas Miller,	25 00
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	100 00
September 4. From Mrs. J. Mor- ange, through Mrs. Samuel S. Pruyn,	5 00
September 23. Collection by Miss R. M. Waddell as follows, viz:	
Mrs. R. J. Waddell, Ot- tawa, Kansas,	\$15 00
Master Bert Waddell,	5 00
" Carroll J. Waddell,	5 00
" Ralph Huntington Thacher,	5 00
Miss Hattie B. Johnson,	5 00
" Florence B. Johnson,	5 00
" M. A. Vandenburg, Watervliet,	15 00
Mrs. W. N. Kennedy,	3 00
Miss Nettie S. Kennedy,	2 00
Mast'r Ormiston Kennedy	2 00
Miss R. M. Waddell,	5 00
Mrs. B. W. Arnold,	5 00
Miss Hattie Kibbee,	2 00
" Jennie McKinney,	1 00
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September 23. From Mrs. Robert Strain,	\$25 00
October 5. From the Misses Sum- ner, through Miss E. Phelps,	25 00
November 1. Cash collected by Miss E. Phelps, as follows, viz :	
Mrs. E. Daw,	\$25 00
" D. K. Bartlett,	5 00
" V. H. Youngman,	5 00
" Stephen La Grange,	5 00
Miss S. Gardiner,	5 00
Cash,	5 00
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	50 00
November 6. Cash collected by Miss Eliza Phelps, as follows, viz :	
Mrs. O. H. Johnson,	\$15 00
Miss C. W. De Witt's Mis- sion Class, "wee bits"	2 54
Children of "Industrial School,"	1 26
Inmates of "House of Shelter,"	1 20
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	20 10
December 2. From Miss Anna Van Schoonhoven and Sab- bath-school Class, in First Reformed Church,	25 00
December 2. From Mrs. A. B. Van Gaasbeek,	1 00
December 2. From Mrs. A. C. Van Gaasbeek,	1 00
December 6. From Mission Band of First Reformed Church, Miss M. McCreddie, Treasurer through Mrs Edward Phillips,	23 08
December 22. From the Madison Ave. Ref. Church Sunday- school, Mr. James Christie, Treasurer, through Miss E. Phelps,	30 62
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For "Mary Pruvn Bed"	\$505 70
for general fund,	667 57
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Total for the year,	\$1,173 27

MRS. FREDERICK TOWNSEND,
Treasurer, Albany Branch.

RECEIPTS of Cincinnati Branch.

For the support of Eliza Given, a child under Miss Gardner, in the Calcutta Orphanage, . . .	\$30 00
For the support of Lida McKeehan a child under Miss Gardner, in the Calcutta Orphanage, . . .	30 00
For the support of Phebe Baker, a child under Miss Gardner, in the Calcutta Orphanage, . . .	30 00
For the support of Cottie Fox, a child under Miss Gardner, in the Calcutta Orphanage, . . .	30 00
For the support of Belle Morrison, a child in the Home in Yokohama, Japan, to be educated by the Clifton Band, . . .	60 00
For Rei Shimada, Bible-reader in Japan, supported by Mrs. M. D. Stambach, . . .	40 00
Annual subscriptions collected by Mrs. Wm. H. Neff, . . .	52 00
Annual subscriptions collected by Mrs. N. H. McLean, . . .	26 00
Balance Annual subscriptions collected by M. M. White, . . .	5 00
Balance due on Miss McKechnie's salary, . . .	9 20
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By Mrs. Wm. Howard Neff.—List of Subscribers:	
Mrs. Wm. Gibson, . . .	\$10 00
" Beach, . . .	1 00
" Taft, . . .	1 00
" S. R. Johnson, . . .	1 00
" Lydia Moore, . . .	2 00

Mrs. Davies Wilson, . . .	\$2 00
" Henry E. Spencer, . . .	5 00
" Wm. H. Harrison, . . .	5 00
" F. G. Huntington, . . .	5 00
" Alex. McDonald, . . .	5 00
" W. H. Neff, . . .	5 00
" George A. Prichard, . . .	10 00
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	\$52 00
By Mrs. M. M. White, . . .	\$5 00
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By Mrs. McLean's Subscriptions to W. U. Missionary Society, for year 1887:	
Mrs. Wm. P. Anderson, . . .	\$5 00
" Larz Anderson, . . .	2 00
" Larz Anderson, Jr., . . .	2 00
" Jas. Murdoch, . . .	1 00
" F. H. Lawson, . . .	5 00
" N. G. Nettleton, . . .	1 00
" Wm. Procter, . . .	1 00
" Oliver Perin, . . .	1 00
" Geo. Harrison, . . .	1 00
" F. H. Wilson, . . .	1 00
" N. H. McLean, . . .	1 00
" Wm. Shorne, . . .	1 00
" W. P. Hulbert, . . .	1 00
" Wm. H. Porter, . . .	2 00
" Jas. Cullen, . . .	1 00
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	\$26 00

MRS. M. M. WHITE,

Treasurer.

RECEIPTS of Chicago Branch.

The Misses Brooks, in memoriam, . . .	\$5 00
Mrs. Sarah P. Gould, . . .	10 00
" Dr. Lester Curtis, LINK, . . .	5 00
" W. H. Cary, LINK, . . .	6 00
" and Miss Orr, LINK, . . .	2 50
" Neahr, LINK, . . .	2 00
" Giles, . . .	1 00
" Wm. Burdick, . . .	20 00
" H. C. Rew, dues for LINK, . . .	3 00
" E. Foote, including LINK, . . .	5 00
" R. N. Isham, . . .	25 00
Byron Band, Byron, Ill., Mrs. T. H. Read, Treasurer, . . .	20 00
Mrs. Albert Keep, for China, . . .	5 00
" Oliver C. Ely, . . .	5 00
" J. F. Pride, . . .	1 00
Sunday-school at Washington Heights, Cook Co., Ill., Mr. Edward Howe, Sup't, for sup-	

port of girl at Yokohama, . . .	\$17 50
Mission Band, "Cheerful Givers," Washington Heights, for same	7 44
Mrs. T. B. Blackistone, for China, . . .	10 00
" M. A. Farwell, for LINK, . . .	50
A friend, . . .	50
Sale of fancy articles, . . .	50
Two LINK subscriptions, . . .	1 00
Mrs. L. H. Davis, . . .	2 00
" Dr. Andrews, for LINK, . . .	1 00
" Desendorf, LINK for 1886 and 1887, and for Silver Fund, . . .	2 00
Primary class of First Con. Ch., for educational work in Yokohama, . . .	50 00
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	\$208 00

MRS. O. F. AVERY,

Sec. and Treas.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from
January 1st to 31st, 1887.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Wakefield, Band Willing Hearts,
per Miss H. Dow, for Miss
Gardner's work, . . . \$30 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amherst, Mrs. L. P. Hickok, annual
subscription, 20; LINK, .50 \$20 50
Mrs. Anson D. Morse, annual
subscription, 10; LINK, .50, . . . 10 50
Boston, Boston Branch, Mrs.
Henry Johnson, Treasurer
(see items below), . . . 526 30
Mrs. C. Briggs, donation and
LINK, . . . 1 00
Northampton, Missionary Society
of Smith College, Miss Louise
A. Husted, Treasurer. For
native medical assistant in
Shanghai, ½ year, 25; to complete
support of child in Cal-
cutta, "Elizabeth Hopkins,"
15, . . . 40 00
"The Seelye children," per Miss
M. A. Allen, for Mary Seelye,
Calcutta, . . . 25 00

\$623 30

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Providence Branch,
Miss Mary S. Stockbridge,
Treasurer, from St. John's
Church, through Miss Ran-
dall, . . . \$63 00

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, Mrs. T. B. Dexter,
for Theodosia D. Wheeler
scholarship in Calcutta, . . . 30 00
South Norwalk, Mrs. Davis Hatch,
1.50; LINK, .50, . . . 2 00
Miss E. G. Platt, from Miss Re-
becca Pennel, 10; Mrs. J. J.
Cape, 3; Miss Platt, 3, . . . 16 00
Windsor, Misses Annie M. and
Mary E. Sill, for Miss Ward's
work, 50; LINK, 1, . . . 51 00

\$99 00

NEW YORK.

Astoria, Mrs. Eli Smallwood, sub-
scription, and LINK, . . . \$10 50
Brooklyn, "Sister Julia," of St.
John's Hospital, annual sub-
scription, . . . 5 00
Miss Churchill, donation and
LINK, . . . 5 00

Mrs. Max Schwerein, . . . \$2 00
Cold Spring, Hillside Band, Miss
Augusta P. Wilson, Sec., for
Miss Ward's work, . . . 28 00
Fairport, Dr. E. E. Dickinson, for
Dr. Kelsey's work, 4; LINKS, 1, . . . 5 00
New York, Mrs. Wm. H. Munn,
annual subscription, . . . 10 00
Mrs. John Crosby Brown, a
thank-offering, for bed in Hos-
pital at Shanghai, . . . 25 00
Miss S. A. Willet, . . . 5 00
Mrs. Wm. R. Williams, per Miss
H. E. Burnet, . . . 5 00
Mrs. Henry Eagle, donation and
LINK, . . . 1 00
Mrs. R. I. Brown, for support of
Bible Reader and child in In-
dia, and for Life Membership
of Mrs. ABBOTT E. KITREDGE,
Mrs. HOGE, Mrs. J. LAWRENCE,
Mrs. DOWNER, and Miss S.
DUNDAS, . . . 400 00
Miss J. Van Vorst, annual sub-
scription, . . . 100 00
Miss Pott, for Miss Gardner's
new school in Calcutta, . . . 25 00
Collection at annual meeting, of
which from Miss E. T. Wall,
for Zenana work 5, and for
Hospital at Shanghai, 5, . . . 103 15
Missionary fund of Seventh Ave.
Mission of Dr. Hall's Church,
for Miss Gardner's work, per
Mr. D. Edwin Hawley, . . . 100 00
Mrs. H. S. Terbell, annual sub-
scription, . . . 20 00
M. L. A., for Mrs. Pierson's personal
expenses in Gospel
work in Japan, . . . 5 00
Miss J. A. Hyde, 1; LINK, .50, . . . 1 50
Mrs. S. P. Maghee, . . . 50 00
Mrs. F. K. Trowbridge, annual
subscription, 10; LINK, 1, . . . 11 00
Messrs. Fred. Baker and Francis
S. Phraner, Executors of Es-
tate of Mrs. Ellen E. Baxter
5,000, with interest, 250, . . . 5,250 00
Syracuse, Sunday-school of Re-
formed Church, per Mrs.
Robert Townsend, for pupil
under Mrs. Jared Scudder, . . . 75 00

\$6,242 15

NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City, Mizpah Mission Band
of Summit Ave. Baptist
Church, per Mrs. D. C.
Hughes, . . . \$10 00

Millstone, "Nimble Fingers," per Miss Annie M. Stultz, for sup. of Anna Smith Beardslee in Calcutta,	\$30 00	
Morristown, Miss Ella M. Graves, annual subscription,	25 00	
Newark, Miss Sarah Wallace, for Hospital in Shanghai,	25 00	
Netherwood, Netherwood Band, Daniel Schmidt, Treas., per Mrs. A. S. Patton, for child in Shanghai,	20 00	
East Orange, Miss L. F. Brewster, donation and LINK,	2 50	
Mrs. F. W. Van Wagenen, annual subscription and LINK,	11 00	
South Orange, through Foreign Mission Com. of Ref. Epis. Ch., Rev. A. M. Morrison, Sec., for work in Cawnpore:		
Mrs. Mason Gallagher, per Mrs. Howard-Smith, Brooklyn,	10 00	
Mrs. Juliana S. Harris, Hoboken, N. J.,	20 00	
Mission Band, for Zenana work, from the Church of the Sure Foundation, Westchester, Pa., Rev. Wm. Newton, D.D., Pastor,	25 00	
Miss Evelyn Van Wyck, Church of the Reconciliation, Brooklyn, Rev. Wm. R. Huntington, Pastor,	5 00	
Friends from the same Church, John M. Loughlin, Cincinnati, O. through Episcopal Recorder,	3 00	
Mrs. A. M. Morrison, annual subscription,	10 00	
Total from South Orange,	73 60	
Plainfield, Messrs. A. and L. and M. Boorman, annual subscription,	30 00	
	<u>\$452 00</u>	

PENNSYLVANIA.

Allegheny, Miss Agnes D. Fraser, donation and LINK,	\$1 00	
Paradise, Miss S. S. Le Fevre, annual subscription for 1886 and 1887,	2 00	
Philadelphia, Phila. Branch, Miss C. Remington, Treas., For salary and expenses of Miss Hook, \$196 00		
Salary Dr. Reifsnyder,	125 00	
Toward salary Miss Eberle,	100 00	
For support of Alice in Calcutta Orphanage,	50 00	
For child in Calcutta Orphanage,	30 00	
For LINKS for July, Sept. and Nov., \$50 04; towards LINK for Jan., 1887, 11 96,	71 00	572 00
		<u>\$575 00</u>

DELAWARE.

Port Penn, Miss Sarah B. Cleaver, donation and LINK,	\$2 00
Wilmington, Wilmington Aux., Mrs. Dr. R. P. Johnston Treas.,	39 00
	<u>\$41 00</u>

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Georgetown, Mrs. Isabella Read and her sister, 20; LINK, .50,	\$20 50
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VIRGINIA.

Norfolk, Mrs. A. B. Brown, annual subscription and LINK,	\$2 00
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OHIO.

Columbus, Miss M. S. Bates, annual donation and LINK,	\$5 00
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ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Chicago Branch, Mrs. O. F. Avery, Sec. and Treas. (see items below),	80 00
Rockford, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson, a Silver Anniversary gift, 66.66, less .25 for exchange	66 41
	<u>\$146 41</u>

KENTUCKY.

Franklin, Dorinda Band, per Mrs. D. A. Duncan, for Inagaki O. Kin san, Bible-reader in Japan,	\$10 00
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MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Mrs. Caro H. G. White annual subscription,	\$5 00
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Sales of Publications:

Subscriptions to MISSIONARY LINK: Mrs. Greene, 2; Mrs. A. M. Steward, 3; smaller contributions, 12.02,	17 02
Sale of Leaflets, .78 and at Anniversary, 5.98,	6 76
	<u>\$23 78</u>
Interest on Williamson fund,	175 00
Interest on Abeel fund,	61 25
	<u>\$857 03</u>

Total receipts from Jan. 1st, to Jan. 31st, 1887,	\$8,574 39
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Mrs. J. E. JOHNSON,
Asst. Treas.

RECEIPTS of *Boston Branch.*

Mr. C. N. Vilas,	\$1 00	Bible-reader in Japan,	\$60 00
Bridgewater Zenana Band, per Miss Sarah Y. de Normandie, for the Bridgewater School at Cawnpore,	15 00	Mrs. C. V. R. Thayer, for support of Miss Roberts at Cawnpore,	400 00
Dorchester and Roxbury Auxili- ary, Miss C. A. Vinson, Treas., from Mrs. Elbridge Torrey,	25 30	Collected by Mrs. H. C. Lowell: Miss Elizabeth Lowell, 5,	15 00
Mrs. Edward Crosby's collection: S. L. W., 5; Miss L. A. Wild, 2, From a friend for the support of a	7 00	Mrs. George G. Lowell, 10,	3 00
		Miss E. B. Barrett,	3 00

			\$526 30
		Mrs. HENRY JOHNSON,	
			<i>Treas.</i>

RECEIPTS of *Chicago Branch.*

Mrs. Henry W. King, to com- plete Life Membership,	\$25 00	St. Paul's Reformed Epis. Church, for support of same school in Cawnpore,	\$30 00
Mrs. Julia P. Durkee, for China, Gardner Mission Band, for sup- port of a school at Cawn- pore,	5 00		-----
Woman's Missionary Society of	20 00		\$80 00
		Mrs. O. F. AVERY,	
			<i>Sec. and Treas.</i>

RECEIPTS of *Philadelphia Branch, from December 1st, 1886,
to February 1st, 1887.*

Through Mrs. A. W. Leavitt and Mrs. M. A. Thomas, for the support of a teacher to assist Miss Hook in the school work:		Infant School of Second R. E. Ch. for children's work in Cawn- pore,	\$100 00
John F. Townsend,	\$5 00	Miss R. H. Stroud,	1 00
Cyrus E. Bobst,	5 00		-----
Mrs. Simmonds,	1 00	Through Mrs. R. C. Matlack :	\$236 00
Mr. Charles Spencer,	10 00	Mrs. R. C. Matlack,	\$10 00
Mrs. John Garrett,	1 00	Through Miss H. A. Dillayé, for support of "Thankful" in Calcutta Orphanage a Thank- offering from Ogontz School, for Christian Homes,	\$41 00
" Thos. B. Homer,	2 00	Through Mrs. I. S. Williams :	
Mr. Edwin Jeffries,	5 00	Mrs. S. Flagg,	\$2 00
Mrs. J. M. Whitall,	2 00	" E. F. Witmer,	3 00
" Wm. Brockie,	2 00	Miss Fanny Simons,	1 00
" Jos. Perot,	2 00	" Maria Simons,	1 00
Mr. Louis D. Vail,	3 00		-----
Mrs. Jacob Horter,	1 00		\$7 00
Miss Johnson,	1 00	Through Mrs. D. Haddock, Jr.:	
Mrs. A. W. Leavitt,	10 00	Mrs. D. Haddock, Jr.,	\$10 00
Miss M. A. Thomas,	5 00	" A. Manderson,	3 00
Mr. Wm. B. Whitney,	5 00	Miss Manderson,	2 00
	-----	LINKS,	1 50
	\$60 00		-----
Through Mrs. W. R. Nicholson :			\$16 50
Mrs. W. R. Nicholson,	\$5 00		
B. S. H., for Cawnpore,	100 00		
Third R. E. Ch., Germantown, for "Mary Arrott,"	30 00		

Through Mrs. G. A. Lewis :	
Mrs. Wm. Carpenter,	\$1 00
“ Morgan	1 00
“ C. K. Inglis,	1 00
“ H. G. Jones,	2 00
“ John A. Lewis,	2 00
Miss Rittenhouse,	1 00
“ Taber,	2 00
“ Vanzant,	1 00
Mrs. G. A. Lewis,	5 00
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	\$16 00

Through Mrs. A. F. Lex :	
Miss M. M. Kirkpatrick, for child in Calcutta Orphanage,	\$30 00
Mrs. Lemuel Coffin and Link,	5 60
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	\$35 60

Through Miss Hettie Oldden, In- fant School of St. Paul's P. E. Church,		\$20 00
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Through Mrs. S. F. Ashton :	
Miss A. Taber,	\$5 00

Through Mrs. A. P. Hurlburt :	
Camden Auxiliary,	\$47 82

Through Miss Mary Longstreth :	
Rebecca White,	\$100 00
E. H. Farnum,	50 00
Mrs. A. L. Lowry, for "Alice,"	50 00
Mrs. M. C. Whitall,	25 00
Susan Longstreth,	10 00
E. F. Wistar,	10 00
Miss Frances Lea,	10 00
Elizabeth Morris,	10 00
Theodore H. Morris,	10 00
F. W. Morris,	10 00
W. H. Morris,	5 00

Anna Morris,	\$5 00
Mrs. Evan Randolph,	5 00
Mary Coates,	5 50
Mrs. J. E. Cope,	5 50
Miss R. Fennimore,	5 50
Mrs. Thomas Sparks,	5 50
“ M. J. Handy,	5 50
Miss H. W. Pearsall,	5 50
“ Julia Wood,	5 50
Mrs. S. W. Fox,	5 00
“ F. M. Naglee,	5 00
Sarah M. Taylor,	4 00
Mrs. Benj. Miller,	3 00
“ S. R. Shipley,	2 50
“ Hayes,	2 50
Miss M. Longstreth,	2 50
Mrs. W. W. Paul,	2 50
M. S. Hinchman,	2 00
Hannah Taylor,	2 00
Rebecca H. Taylor,	2 00
Mary R. Haines,	2 00
Mrs. A. Y. Mohr,	1 50
“ Wm. Hall,	1 00
A. E. Winn,	1 00
Miss Emily Boggs,	1 00
Mrs. Benners,	50
Miss Benners,	50
“ Wheeler,	50
Mrs. R. H. Downing,	50
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	\$380 00

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Interest from Mrs. Early Fund,		30 00
Interest on Deposits,		7 39
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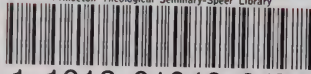
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